



Egremont News

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The purpose of this newsletter is to keep residents informed of what is going on in our community. It is printed on a bi-monthly basis by the Selectmen's Office Staff. Articles submitted by Town Boards are not edited by the Select Board or Office Administrator. Outside organizations are allowed to submit articles of no longer than one column length. These articles are to be factual and will not be printed if they contain any political format, forum, or communication. We welcome reader input and hope you enjoy reading the Newsletter. If you wish to receive this newsletter via email please contact town hall.



Selectboard:

School House: The School District recently painted the interior of the building to encapsulate the lead paint. The District will soon be replacing ceiling tiles and cleaning the carpets in preparation for moving the students into the school house following February school vacation. The Town has recently had some more drainage work done around the building to try to keep moisture from the crawl space. In the spring the Town and the District will share the cost of painting the exterior of the building remediating the lead paint.

The Town was not awarded a grant for the ADA work so the Board will be asking the taxpayers to fund this very important work.

Route 23/41 Reconstruction: The state is moving forward with plans to reconstruct Route 23/41 as it runs through the village of South Egremont. It was agreed that the sidewalk will be installed on both sides of the roadway with the exception of the areas near the Salisbury Bank and from the Green to The Village Inn. This work is planned for Fiscal Year 2022 (so after July 1, 2021). When the preliminary design is completed, a public hearing will be held to obtain input from Town Officials and residents.

Broadband: Proposals for High Speed Internet service in Egremont will be received the end of January.

Police chief Erik Josephson has informed the Board that he will not renew his contract with the Town so he will be leaving on June 30. Erik's time with the Town is greatly appreciated and the Board wishes him the best of luck in his future.

CDBG Housing Rehab Grant:

The funds have come through and the contracts are signed with the Commonwealth. TRI is the new housing rehabilitation provider. Melissa Vincent is TRI's Director of Housing Rehabilitation and has set up an office above Tom's Toys in Great Barrington at 291 Main Street, Suite 314. She will be sending all who completed a pre-application the full application within in the next 10 days or so. Egremont residents who applied may contact Melissa at 413-644-3448 or via email at melissa@theresource.org.

Zoning For Age Friendly Housing:

"Across the country, communities are creating "clustered houses"...They are one level, small yard, inexpensive and create a social community for seniors. We should consider this arrangement here."

The Town of Egremont is thinking "age friendly" by working on revamping their zoning (with help from planning staff at Berkshire Regional Planning Commission) to diversify their housing stock to accommodate residents at different ages and life stages. Options under consideration include an Accessory Dwelling Unit Bylaw to allow the creation of a 2nd dwelling unit within existing residences and the creation of a South Village Center (Overlay) district to encourage new home construction in existing activity centers in Town. A public information meeting is currently

scheduled for February 7 at 7pm. A public hearing will be held shortly after that.

ECO-TIP

Those plastic, amber-colored prescription pill bottles? If you are a Big Y pharmacy customer, they will take them back.

Town Clerk:

A new era in Egremont voting began last September when the 100 year old wooden voting box was decommissioned and a new electronic tabulator was used for the first time. Paper ballots are still used in our elections, but instead of individual hand counting, the 99.999% accurate tabulator scans the ballots and holds the information until elections close. What once took many hours of election workers working into the wee hours of the next morning, elections are completed in a fraction of the time.

Introducing the new election tabulator could not have come at a better time. Egremont had a phenomenal turnout for the November 2018 midterm elections with 77% of registered voters casting their ballots. The counting was completed by 10:30 pm, unlike the 2016 Presidential election when, with a similar turnout, the counting wasn't completed until 2:00 am the next day.

While our new tabulator isn't as homey and charming as the old voting box, it's doing the job and serving Egremont nicely. For those who miss the vintage model with its aged wood and brass hinges, I'm happy to report it was gifted to the Egremont Historical Commission. Their archive is open to the public on the first Saturday of the month and perhaps if you ask a Historical Commissioner nicely, they will let you crank the handle and ring the bell for old time sake.

Assessors:

Abatements: Real Estate Tax bills are in the mail. Property owners have 30 days after the issue date of the bill to apply for an abatement.

Fiscal Year 2019 Tax Rate: The Fiscal Year 2019 tax rate is \$9.57.

The Assessor page on the town website has links to state forms and tax information. You can also access the geographical information system to see tax

maps. If you have any questions please give us a call or send us an email.

Assessor Office: 413 528-0182 ext 14; email is assessors@egremont-ma.gov

We wish you all a happy and healthy New Year.

Conservation Commission:

Jug End Fen Reclamation Project. You'll read more about this in the coming weeks. Basically the Jug End Fen, considered the main area from which Karner Brook flows, has been overtaken by invasives, beavers and large shrubbery of all kinds—all to the detriment of the environment. Recently the Commission met with representatives of The Nature Conservancy and Chris Beulow, Chief Environmental Scientist of the State Department of Environmental Protection, at a portion of the Fen near the intersection of Botts Hill and Jug End roads for a preliminary site inspection. Due to the extent of the Fen, which roughly runs from Jug End Road east along Mt. Washington Rd. on the north side to around Marsh Pond, and the number of property owners abutting the proposed reclamation, the State agreed to continue a previously scheduled public hearing until the Commission's January 24th meeting. In the interim the State will develop a thorough presentation for the hearing. At the moment, it is the Commission's intent to devote the hearing segment of its meeting primarily to this project. Stay tuned. We intend to not only notify residents via various town email lists but also to place a short article in the Berkshire Record once details are final.

We Need More Swamps. What?, you say. If you've ever looked up the State's wetlands map (<http://maps.massgis.state.ma.us/images/dep/omv/wetviewer.htm>) and checked out Egremont and clicked on Legend you'll see we have all types of swamps here...and many of them. Following is an edited version of a piece the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions forwarded to us on the value of swamps.

"Drain the swamp" has long meant getting rid of something distasteful. Actually, the world needs more swamps – and bogs, fens, marshes and other types of wetlands. These are some of the most diverse and productive ecosystems on Earth. They also are underrated but irreplaceable tools for slowing the pace of climate change and protecting our communities from storms and flooding. Scientists widely recognize that

wetlands are extremely efficient at pulling carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere and converting it into living plants and carbon-rich soil.

Vast stores of carbon have accumulated in wetlands, in some cases over thousands of years. This has reduced atmospheric levels of carbon dioxide and methane – two key greenhouse gases that are changing Earth's climate. If ecosystems, particularly forests and wetlands, did not remove atmospheric carbon, concentrations of carbon dioxide from human activities would increase by 28 percent more each year.

Wetlands continuously remove and store atmospheric carbon. Plants take it out of the atmosphere and convert it into plant tissue, and ultimately into soil when they die and decompose. At the same time, microbes in wetland soils release greenhouse gases into the atmosphere as they consume organic matter. Natural wetlands typically absorb more carbon than they release. But as the climate warms wetland soils, microbial metabolism increases, releasing additional greenhouse gases. In addition, draining or disturbing wetlands can release soil carbon very rapidly. For these reasons, it is essential to protect natural, undisturbed wetlands.

In addition to capturing greenhouse gases, wetlands make ecosystems and human communities more resilient in the face of climate change. For example, they store flood waters from increasingly intense rainstorms. Freshwater wetlands provide water during droughts and help cool surrounding areas when temperatures are elevated."

State Snow Disposal Guidelines. Still a lot of winter to go. Just a reminder to private snow removal contractors that the State has issued new environmental regulations regarding disposing of snow. Briefly, the regulations apply to just about anyone who'd be removing snow: state, federal, regional, local agencies "as well as private businesses". Check out www.mass.gov/guides/snow-disposal-guidance#snow-disposal guidance for complete information.

Still Looking for Members. We had three promising emails from residents following our note in the town email newsletters. Unfortunately, they each demurred for various personal reasons. So, as we usually say each month, members needed. We currently operate at minimum quorum level, so if one

of us can't make it, no official business can be conducted.

ECO-TIP

Mattresses can be recycled, and a bin will be available at our Transfer Station later this year. If you can, store that old mattress until then.

Emergency Management:

As cold weather sets in, it is important to be prepared! Check flashlights and portable radios to ensure that they are working, and see that you have extra batteries. A radio is an important source of weather and emergency information during a storm. Ensure that your Smoke and Carbon Monoxide (CO) detectors are working correctly and have fresh batteries. Check your outside fuel exhaust vents, making sure that they are not obstructed by snow or ice. Never use cooking equipment intended for outside use indoors as a heat source or cooking device.

Make sure you always have a well-stocked Winter Home Emergency Supply Kit that includes flashlights, portable radio, extra batteries, a first aid kit, bottled water, non-perishable food and a manual can opener.

If power outages occur in the area, it is imperative that they be reported via the National Grid Customer Service or Outage Reporting phone numbers. Please report any outages or downed wires via these phone numbers. Every outage phone call that National Grid receives is logged into their outage tracking system and better enables them to pinpoint the location of the issue. The sooner that they can identify the location of the issue, the better they can respond. Please remember that if you do lose power, in addition to calling National Grid, please let the Egremont Police Department know of the situation too. There may be downed wires in the vicinity that could be hazardous. They may be reached at 413-528-2160 (if the on duty officer is out, the call will be answered by the County Dispatch facility).

Outage Reporting Phone Numbers:

Customer Service: [1-800-322-3223](tel:1-800-322-3223) (can also be used for any other general questions)

Outage Reporting: [1-800-465-1212](tel:1-800-465-1212) (automated line for reporting power outages or downed wires)

RECENT 911 TROUBLE:

With the recent 911 system issues, it is important to have a secondary emergency number to call if you need help. The Egremont Police Department main telephone number will automatically connect to the dispatch center if no one is available in the station. That local number is 413-528-2160. Please make a note of the number and add it to your emergency telephone numbers to call if you cannot reach 911.

ECO-TIP

Avoid dryer sheets: Use wool balls (or similar product) instead to reduce wrinkles and lint. Most dryer sheets are polyester – another single-use plastic.

Fire Department:

From the Fire Chief:

Open burning season begins January 15 and runs through May 1, 2019. Permits can be obtained online through BCBurnPermits.com. If you do not have internet access, please call the Fire Chief directly at 413-717-7622 or email efdchief@egremont-ma.gov. A permit is required for each day of burning. There is no fee for the permit. For rules and regulations regarding open burning, please visit the mass.gov site at: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/open-burning-safety>. These rules will be strictly enforced as there were many complaints about open burning last year.

Date	Time	Call #
/Location		/Type
10/25/2018	10:39 PM	166
Mt. Washington Rd.		Lift Assist
10/27/2018	10:13 PM	167
Sheffield Rd.		CO Alarm
10/29/2018	11:11 AM	168
Baldwin Hill N/S		Pole Fire
10/30/2018	7:03 AM	169
Prospect Lake Rd.		Smoke Alarm
10/30/2018	8:33 AM	170
Lake Side Dr.		Medical
11/2/2018	11:52 PM	171
Blunt Rd.		Wires Down
11/5/2018	4:50 AM	172
Mt. Washington Rd.		Medical
11/9/2018	7:37 AM	173

Mt. Washington Rd.	Medical
11/13/2018 7:14 AM	174
Mt. Washington Rd.	Medical
11/13/2018 2:14 PM	175
Main St.	Medical
11/15/2018 6:23 PM	176
Bow Wow Rd.	Search
11/17/2018 7:45 AM	177
Jug End Rd.	Alarm/False
11/19/2018 5:18 PM	178
Mt. Washington Rd.	Lift Assist
11/20/2018 6:30 AM	179
Under Mountain Rd.	Alarm/False
11/21/2018 7:22 AM	180
17 Phillips Rd.	Chimney Fire
11/21/2018 8:44 AM	181
Egremont Plain Rd.	Medical
11/23/2018 1:22 AM	182
Mountain Rd. Mt. Washington	Smoke/Alarm
11/23/2018 7:07 AM	183
Baldwin Hill E/W	Lift Assist
11/24/2018 6:14 PM	184
Under Mountain Rd.	Medical
11/24/2018 8:39 PM	185
Under Mountain Rd.	Alarm/False
11/25/2018 2:30 AM	186
Brookvale Rd.	Medi/Alm/Fls
11/25/2018 9:01 AM	187
Lake Side Dr.	Medical
11/26/2018 11:19 AM	188
Egremont Plain Rd.	Alarm/False
11/28/2018 5:53 PM	189
Egremont Plain Rd.	Alarm/Cooking
11/30/2018 10:31 PM	190
Nicholson Rd.	Alarm/Def Equipment
11/30/2018 12:51 PM	191
Boice Rd	Alarm/Smoke/fire place
11/30/2018 2:57 PM	192
Town House Hill	Alarm/Def. equipment
12/9/2018 8:39 AM	193
Hillsdale Rd.	Medical
12/11/2018 11:57 AM	194
Egremont Plain Rd.	Medical
12/16/2018 10:00 AM	195
Under Mountain Rd.	Alarm/Steam from Pool
12/18/2018 3:39 PM	196
Town House Hill	Medical
11/20/2018 11:27 AM	197

Main St		Alarm/Cooking
11/21/2018	6:57 PM	198
Taconic Ln.		Alarm/False/Test
11/21/2018	7:11 PM	199
Shun Toll Rd.		Alarm/False/Fireplace

Council on Aging:

It's been an exciting and busy fall for the COA and Egremont Seniors. Our season started with our annual birthday party celebrating all Egremont seniors and especially those 90 and over. We were pleased to have Rep. Smitty Pignatelli join us this year to honor our seniors. And, Ruth Silberman, Egremont's eldest senior, celebrated with us as well.

In November "Roger the Jester" entertained us with his magic and had us all learning a few new tricks. December featured David Bosco, history buff and college professor. Pearl Harbor was the topic and we all learned more about events leading up to that day in December. We also had our Holiday Party featuring the duo "Sandy & Sandy" who entertained us with a great variety of rock n' roll songs that we could all sign along with. A fun time, as always!

Our luncheons continue on January 9th with David Katzenstein, Egremont Fire Department, presenting a program on First Aid, when to call 911 and what to do until help arrives. Information we may all need some day.

February thru May our luncheons will be on the first Wednesday of the month at 12:00 at the Egremont Village Inn. The complete schedule will be in the next COA Newsletter and on the COA website. We'd love to see you there!

"Sand for Seniors"...buckets are available for pick up at the Town Hall or they can be delivered by calling Peg Muskrat at 528-0182 x 24. It would be greatly appreciated if you would return your bucket at the end of the season (or we can pick it up). That way we reuse them next season. Many thanks to Ed Herrington, Inc. for donating 20 buckets.

We have a new supply of "Be Seen, Be Safe" vests. You can pick up at the Town Hall or Police Station. Please, please wear them. We still see too many people walking on our roads in dark clothing. It's dangerous for the walker and the driver. Stay safe and wear a vest!

"Good Morning, Senior" program is on going and you can join at any time. To participate you call in to a designated number Monday thru Friday between 9:00 and 10:00. Someone will answer your call. Another way to keep you safe. Call Peg at 528-0182 x24 to sign up or for more info.

Coffee Hours continue at Mom's Café the third Wednesday of each month from 9:30 – 10:30. Join us for a cup of coffee, some breakfast and good conversations!

Your COA is here to help and assist you. Please don't hesitate to contact us if we can help in any way or to answer any questions you may have. We are here for you!



(Roger Jester entertains at one of the COA luncheons. Picture courtesy of Eve Goldberg.)

ECO-TIP

Reduce plastic use: Buy bar shampoo (no plastic bottle) at Guido's or the Co-op. Biodegradable floss is at Big Y. If you have more ideas, tell the Green Committee.

Planning Board:

- All of us on the Planning Board wish you and yours a New Year of good health and happiness.
- And as the New Year unfolds, we are excited to be taking action on the results of the Citizens' questionnaire we distributed last year to each of you. You may remember the Questionnaire consisted on 8 questions about Egremont's future as you see it. Generally speaking, the town collectively strongly supported the potential for controlled planning for additional dwelling units on existing parcels, sensitive planning for additional business uses and residential solar. Egremonters also are

committed to our Village Centers and their historic and New England charm. We will be holding informational meetings in the coming months.

- Recreational Adult Marijuana Bylaw construction will be our main focus in the beginning of the new year. We are working in concert with the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC) in forming an appropriate bylaw for Egremont. We will be reaching out to all of you to discuss your concerns and questions about this exciting and challenging project.

Please feel free to call us email us with any concerns or questions. We are here for Egremont and are committed to transparency. We always welcome you to our meetings which generally occur the first and third Monday evenings of each month. Please check the town website for agenda specifics as well as minutes of meetings past.

Thank you.

Sustainability Coordinator:

The recycling world took a beating in 2018. China, once the world's largest importer and processor of recyclable material, stopped accepting many kinds of plastics.

We're lucky in Egremont because our recyclables go to the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) which does not charge a disposal or "tipping" fee for our bottles, cans and paper even in this current volatile market. But it is still very important to have our loads of recyclables high in the good type of material and low in items which could contaminate the entire load. Here is a short list of the "bad stuff" which should never **EVER** go into your recycling bin:

- Plastic bags
- Plastic containers that still have food in them
- Garden hoses
- String of lights
- Light bulbs
- Food stuffs
- Styrofoam
- Plastic beverage cups/straws/lids
- Pyrex glass
- Dishes/ceramics/pottery
- Syringes

For a complete list of acceptable and not acceptable items to recycle go to:

www.springfieldmrf.org. If you're not sure if an item is recyclable follow the "when in doubt, throw it out!" rule.

Whether you take your trash to our Transfer Station or hire a garbage hauler to pick up your trash on the curbside, now more than ever it is important to pay attention to the rules of recycling. Please help us Recycle Right here in Egremont. Thanks!

Moisture Content in Recyclables:

Contamination in recycling is often thought of as materials such as plastic bags, food waste, diapers and other waste items which are put into recycling bins, but did you know that wet paper and cardboard are also of concern? Paper products which get wet are subject to mold and mildew, and long storage and transportation can increase the likelihood of paper being ruined before it gets to market.

What can you do to alleviate this problem? Keep your paper products and cardboard dry. If you have collection don't leave your papers outside if the weather is wet. Cardboard dumpsters should also always have their lids closed. Water and snow can not only damage the topmost materials but also pools in the bottom of containers, potentially ruining more than just that container full when it gets tipped into the paper recycling bin. Remember - recyclables are not trash, but a commodity to protect!!

Housing Committee:

We have been meeting regularly since September to coordinate with Construct's building of our first four units of affordable housing on the Town Hall site and to develop strategies so that young families, local workers - like teachers, fire department personnel, plumbers and electricians - and our aging population can live here.

We have looked at pertinent laws, Egremont's demographics, and existing affordable housing in town. Presently we have no "affordable" housing" as defined by the laws of the Commonwealth, although we believe that Egremont has some affordable apartments but none that meets the state and federal requirements for a deed restriction that would keep it affordable. We have reached a consensus that Egremont does not need to go to the trouble and the expense of making an official MA

DHCD approved plan to reach a goal of 10% affordability of its housing stock, but in order to survive as a wholesome and functioning community, we should do all we can to facilitate housing for those of us who are not wealthy, sometimes called “workforce housing.”

We intend that this committee will act as a clearing house for housing affordability. To that end we have started to make an inventory of apartments, beginning with some preliminary data from the Town Administrator. To create as much affordability in housing as we can, we reach out to our fellow citizens to let us know 1) do you have an apartment on your property, 2) is it occupied, 3) are you willing to keep your rental rates below the rates designated as ‘affordable’ (80% Average Mean Income). Or, do you have some land that you are willing to donate to the Town for the purposes of providing affordable housing?

Please contact someone from the committee, and feel free to attend our meetings, typically twice a month.

ECO-TIP

Choose environment-friendly fabrics: **Best:** bamboo, Lyocell, hemp, organic cotton. **Runners-up:** silk, rayon, non-organic cotton, wool. **Worst:** polyester (made from petrochemicals).

Technology Committee:

RFP process underway. In October, given a new and unexpected proposal from Charter demanding an additional \$607,500 from the Town, along with the fact of a still-unsettled cable TV license agreement, and Charter’s history of poor response, missed milestones, and unfulfilled promises throughout the license negotiations, the Board of Selectmen (BOS) voted to end discussions with Charter. Instead, the BOS instructed the Technology Committee (TC) to prepare a Request for Proposals (RFP) to identify a vendor to bring broadband networking to the entire town or at least to complete the network build out to parts of Egremont not already covered by the existing Fiber Connect infrastructure.

Following the BOS meeting, the TC got right to work refreshing itself on Massachusetts procurement laws, analyzing the unserved portions of

the Town, and developing the RFP, with valuable input from a few Town residents. We completed the RFP in early December and the Town issued it on December 12. Anyone can download and read the RFP and its related Legal Notice and Prevailing Wage Document from the Town website at <http://www.egremont-ma.gov/bids.html>.

The RFP seeks a vendor (or consortium of vendors) to design, build, own, and operate a high-speed Internet-connected broadband network in Egremont. The Town will consider proposals for a network that reaches the entire Town or, at bidder’s option, just those areas of Egremont where high-speed fiber optic network access is not already available. There are approximately 135 existing dwellings in the unserved area; these include both public and private roads and both aerial and underground utility service areas, identified in the RFP.

The Town remains eligible for a financial grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) Flexible Grant Program, which supports “last-mile” broadband connectivity for certain towns in western Massachusetts. Both the Town and the Vendor must meet certain conditions imposed by MBI and laid out in the RFP. Accordingly, the Town requires bidders to submit required documentation as indicated along with their proposals. As described in appendix B of the RFP, MBI has a “payment in arrears” policy under which MBI will not release funds to the Town until the network is complete and “fully commissioned.” This means that the Town will likely have to lay out funds according to whatever payment schedule is negotiated between the Town and the vendor and then be reimbursed after the fact. Sources of these short-term funds remain to be determined.

Sealed proposals must be received at Egremont Town Hall no later than Thursday, January 31, 2019. We expect that vetting and evaluation will take about a month and that the TC will make its recommendation to the BOS in late February/early March. Assuming a vendor submits an acceptable proposal (which we expect, but which is not assured), and upon official selection by the BOS, there will follow a period of contract negotiation, including negotiation of a complete implementation schedule. Once the contract is in place, the actual work involved will include utility pole license applications, make-ready work, design and engineering, and construction. Earlier estimates of the time frame for

this work have ranged out to about 18 months from contract signing, but we will not have a reliable schedule until the contract is completed.

Water Department:

The Department makes constant efforts to discover and repair leaks. The Water Department saves process time (and money) by treating less water as a result of these efforts.

As the colder weather sets in, remember to check outside hose faucets! If the spigot is not frost proof, it should be drained to avoid freezing.

Did you know that a dripping faucet can waste 20 gallons of water a day? A leaky toilet can waste 200 gallons a day. These leaks waste your water and your money.

Toilet Leaks are hard to detect. They are usually caused by a bad main valve, flapper valve seat, a bad flush valve, an improperly positioned float arm, or a defective overflow tube. Test your toilets by dropping a few drops of food coloring into the water in the tank. **DO NOT FLUSH!** Wait for 15 to 20 minutes. If color appears in the bowl, then you have a leak and repairs need to be made.

Faucet Leaks are easy to find. If it drips, or worse, continues running after you shut it off, it needs to be fixed. If the dripping water is warm, it is costing you extra money! Water dripping or running from the shower head when the shower is turned off firmly, it is usually caused by bad washers or seats which need replacing. Also, check for leaks from the tub faucet when the shower is turned on. This leak will defeat the purpose of a low-flow shower head because the water you save with the low-flow device is lost from the tub faucet.

If you have any questions about water supply or billing, the Water Department Clerk is available at Town Hall Monday - Friday from 7 to 3; telephone 528-0182 ext 17. Happy New Year!

Meeting schedule:

Meeting regularly. Subject to change. Please see postings of meetings at Town Hall and the Post Offices for more detail. This is not official.

Archives Room - First Saturday 9-noon

or by appointment

Assessors - Tuesdays & Thursdays 9am to 12noon & by appointment

Council on Aging - Third Wednesday of each month at 11am. Administrative Assistant is at Town Hall

Thursday 9am to 12noon.

Board of Health - Monday-Thursday 7am to 12noon.

Meetings - Thursdays as posted 10am

Board of Selectmen - Meetings every other Monday evenings 7pm. Office weekdays 7am to 3pm.

Building Inspector - Tuesday 12:30pm to 3:30pm. Other times and inspections by appointment

Conservation Commission - Second and Fourth Thursdays 7:00pm

Finance Committee - January through April. Other times as needed.

Library - Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 2-6pm & Saturday 9-12noon 413-528-1474

Planning Board - Please check web page for meeting dates.

School Committee: Second & Fourth Thursdays 6pm Mt. Everett High School Library

Tax Collector: Monday - Friday 7:00am to 3:00pm

Town Clerk - Mon-Thurs 1pm to 3pm

or by appointment

Transfer Station - Tuesday & Thursday 8am to 1pm, Saturday 8am to 3pm, Sunday 12noon to 4pm

Water Department - Office Clerk weekdays 7am-3pm

Meetings second Thursday 3:00pm at Town Hall

Zoning Board of Appeals - as needed

To reach a board member or to leave a message please call the Town Hall 528-0182.

ECO-TIP

Items tossed into the recycle bin **MUST BE CLEAN!** It's more important now than ever. We must stop treating recyclables the way we treat trash, because recyclables have to be sold. If you're not sure it's recyclable, throw it in the trash. *When in doubt, throw it out.*

Business listings:

In an effort to promote local small businesses, the following businesses/services located in, or near, Egremont have agreed to be listed here. If we missed asking you and you wish to be included, please send your information to the Town Hall.

Support local businesses:

*Prospect Lake Park and Campground -
camping, swimming*

413-528-4158 prospectlk@aol.com

www.prospectlakepark.com

Egremont residents receive a discount to access the beach.

*The Inn at Sweet Water Farm - B&B
1 Prospect Lake Road*

413-528-2882

www.innsweetwater.com

*John Andrews' Restaurant - Restaurant
413-528-3469*

*Swiss Hutte Country Inn and Restaurant-
Restaurant & Lodging*

413-528-6200

www.swisshutte.com

*Robin's Chair Caning - Chair caning and repairs.
Robin Walther*

116 Egremont Plain Road

413-528-2537

robinschaircaning@gmail.com

*Red Barn Antiques - Antique lighting & fine metal
polishing*

413-528-3230

*41 Main Antiques Gallery - Vintage and modern
furniture, antiques, collectibles, architectural and
decorative objects.*

413-528-0112

www.41mainantiques.com

*Blue Rider Stables - Therapeutic Horseback Riding
Lessons, summer programs*

www.bluerider.org

413-528-5299

Green River Arabians & Pintos -

Horse Boarding, lessons, judging, farm programs

413-528-2367 arabpinto13@yahoo.com

*Indian Line Farm - Community Supported Agriculture
(CSA) & Farmers Markets*

413-528-8301

www.indianlinefarm.com

Ivory Pond Farm -

*Llamas, Yarn and Woolens. Dancing Crane Rug Hooking
Studio. Hooked rugs, lessons and supplies.*

Tom & Liz Marino

413-528-9465

www.lizmarinorughooking.com

Llamama@wildblue.net

*Turner Farms Maple Syrup - Phillips Road,
open 7am to 7pm 7 days a week.*

Syrup and Honey

413-528-5710

*Skip DelVaglio - Old Drone Apiary at Frog Cottage
(Local Honey)*

1257 Sheffield - Egremont Road

413 528-2308

Frog Cottage Goodies: Phyllis & Cynthia

Pies, cakes, cookies, fudge, fruitcakes, cheesecakes

1257 Sheffield/Egremont Road

Great Barrington MA 01230

413-528-2308

Elfi Six Shiatsu/Acutonics®, Bodywork

413-644-9979

www.CosmicResonance.com

Zorn Family Chiropractic-Chiropractor

44 Main Street, South Egremont

413-528-9654

healingspiritdc@yahoo.com

*Zorn Core Fitness -
Personal, Couples & Group Training
Cardio Room - \$25 @ month Free 1 month cardio for
Egremont residents zornari@gmail.com
46 Main Street, South Egremont
413-528-1594 www.zorncorefitness.com*

*Yoga at Zorn Core Fitness, with Karin Beebe
Ashtanga Yoga & Gentle/Hatha Yoga
46 Main Street, South Egremont
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*pixellation at every step,
dropping their colors, squeezed out by radios, then
books, then voices.*

*But the chain is not thawing between my fingers, nor the
autumnal soccer game
surrendering to summer sports, nor my son, unaware of
the perilous passage he nearly undertook, growing
younger. For these are “resident” geese,
not avatars any longer but everyday aviators.
Immune from the seasonal imperative, they dream
of a perfect future of unblemished angles;*

*Unable to reverse time's arrow, they ignore it outright,
banking by hard angles against chronology's calculus,
opting out entirely from their migratory birthright,
leaving me, the one who holds the gate, the one who
knows the date,
and time, and forecast, in my own fugue.*

*And on they fly, geometrically bent against the wind
and the tides,
bringing back my son's first lost tooth, summoning
his sister
to this hallowed ground, where she too grows
younger,
and recedes a school, and marvels at her baby
brother's disappearance,
then engenders hilarious anxiety on the part of her
parents
who can't wait to see her too sown into her mother's
womb.*

*The school buses grow bigger and boxier, still
insistently yellow,
and SUVs yield the road to station wagons,
thence model Ts to horses to children's schoolward
feet;
telephones grow inexorably larger, landing finally
on the walls of our own parents' homes, and
televisions taking
the opposite course, losing screen-size and*

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